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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. PLEASE PASS TO PADRON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT REPEAT STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT. SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THAT ANNOUNCEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED TO YOU IS DELETED AND REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS STEP BY CUBA WHICH IT REGARDS AS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. PLEASE EXPLAIN AGAIN THAT SUBSEQUENT TO ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESS WILL BE ASKING MANY QUESTIONS. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO CONTROL ALL THE NUANCES BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO FIELD QUESTIONS IN THE SAME SPIRIT AND CONTENT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS THEMSELVES. CHRISTOPHER

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